

"Stronghold" (Strong House)
272 Hamilton Street
New Brunswick
Middlesex County
New Jersey

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Address: 272 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey 12-NEBRU
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Present Owner: The Strong Family

Present Occupant: Cornelia Strong

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: Built in 1870, this stuccoed house with a mansard roof is typical of the period.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Original owner: Judge Woodbridge Strong
2. Date of erection: 1870
3. Source of information: Mrs. Cornelia Strong, present occupant

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: This is a sturdy, stuccoed residence with a mansard roof, maintained in excellent condition.
- B. Technical Description of Exterior:
 1. Layout: The main body of the house is two stories high with a third story within the mansard roof; a two-story wing to the rear with flat metal roof; and a one-story extension beyond that.
 2. Windows: Windows on first and second floors have segmental brownstone lintels with drops at the ends; sash are mostly two lights over two. The dormers in the mansard roof are of wood with a pediment over either a single circle head sash or a pair of circle head sash.
 3. Porches: All of wood with bracketed cornices and shallow segmental arches supported on square, pilastered posts.
 4. Main cornice: Wood, with brackets.

C. Technical Description of Interior:

1. Flooring: The first-floor hall has alternate light and dark stripes of narrow hardwood flooring.
2. Stairway: The main stairway is oval shaped in plan. A heavy newel post has paneled sides and chamfered edges and is topped with a wooden sphere surmounted by a metal figurine. There are two turned balusters to each step supporting a fairly heavy carved rail which runs continuously to the third floor without intermediate newel posts.
3. Trim: Door and window trim are very wide consisting of molded and flat surfaces. First-floor hall has paneled dado.
4. Doors: Most doors are four paneled, except paired swing doors, which are two paneled.
5. Mantels: Slate with incised linear designs and opening surrounds and covers of metal.
6. Ceilings: Ceilings are plain plaster with run plaster cornices and ornamental plaster cartouches from which the lighting fixtures hang.
7. Lighting fixtures: All modern electric.

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